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## **National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Join Protest Against the New York Post**

**WASHINGTON, DC** –The National League of Cities National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NLC/NBC-LEO) President, Orlando City Commissioner Daisy W. Lynum, sent a letter to New York Post editor, Col Allan, and Rupert Murdoch, chairman and Chief Executive Officer, that expressed the outrage of the largest municipal constituency group of the National League of Cities, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Lynum says that the media has a long history of discrimination against African Americans since before 1863, by supporting slavery, Jim Crow laws, Black codes and racial discrimination in America for the past fifty years.

Lynum said that, Americans should not be surprised by the blatant attack depicting President Barack Obama as a chimpanzee by the New York Post cartoonist, Sean Delonas. President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on February 17, 2009, which was also reported in the New York Post on the page before the cartoon. President Obama is a very intelligent, tolerant and insightful world leader, who has no bones to pick with embedded racist behaviors by national elected or appointed leaders and/or organizations, including the media.

Black leaders from across America are ready to respond to these types of attacks against President Obama as they occur, because they have endured cartoon depictions of themselves, misinformation and unfair allegations since reconstruction. However, every racist published pronouncement will be called out by the NBC-LEO, and other national black organizations, ministers and interested citizens, whether black or not.

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